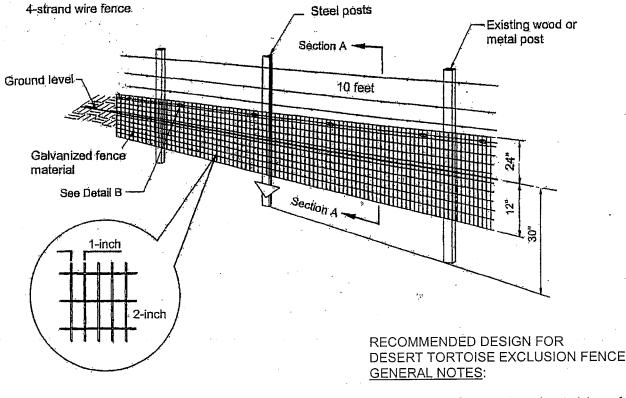
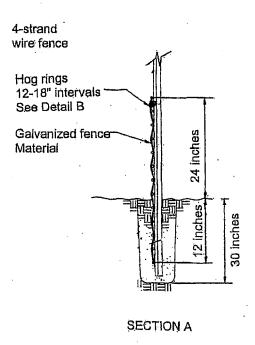
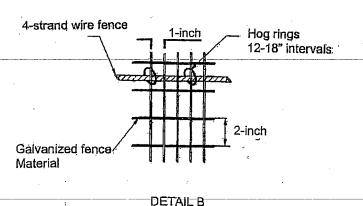
## DESERT TORTOISE EXCLUSION FENCE (2005)



- Ensure that fence posts and materials conform to the standards approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Ensure that the height above ground level is no less than 18 inches and no higher than 24 inches.
- Ensure that the depth of fence material below ground-level is about 12 inches but no less than 6 inches. (See SECTION A above)
- Install additional steel posts when span between existing fence posts exceed 10 feet.
- 5. Attach fence material to existing fence or wire using hog rings at 12-inch intervals.
- 6. Fasten fence material to posts with 3 tie wires with-a\_wire-near-the-top, bottom, and center-of-the-fence material.



- Backfill trenches with excavated material and compact the material.
- Attach fence material to all gates. Ensure that clearance at base of gate achieves zero ground clearance.
- Substitute smooth wire for barbed wire if additional support wires are necessary.
- The number and placement of support wires may be modified to allow sheep and deer to pass safely.
- Erosion at the edge of the fence material where the fence crosses washes may occur and requires appropriate and timely monitoring and repair.
- Tie the fence into existing culverts and cattleguards when determined necessary to allow desert tortoise passage underneath roadways.



DETAIL A

## FOR BEDROCK OR CALICHE SUBSTRATE

- 1. Use this fence design (see below) only for that portion of the fence where fence material cannot be placed 6 inches below existing ground level due to presence of bedrock, large rocks or caliche substrate.
- 2. Ensure that the fence height above ground level is no less than 22 inches.
- 3. Ensure that there is a zero to 2-inch ground clearance at the bend.
- 4. Ensure that the bent portion of the fence is lying on the ground and pointed in the direction of desert tortoise habitat.
- 5. Cover the portion of the fence that is flush with the ground with cobble (rocks placed on top of the fence material to a vertical thickness up to 4 inches).
- 6. When substrate no longer is composed of bedrock or caliche, install fence using design shown above.

